

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS

Head Quarters New Orleans,

December 25th, 1813.

General P. URQUY, commanding the regular troops, within the seventh Military District, has under a special authority vested in him, by the President of the U. States, called upon the Executive of Louisiana, for an auxiliary militia force, to be contained in the service of the U. States for six months unless sooner discharged. This force is not designed for a distant command, but for the protection of our own State, and will be stationed at such point or points within the same as the public safety shall advise.

The governor and commander in chief, in consequence directs that there be drawn from the 1st Regiment of Militia Infantry 1 captain, 1 first lieutenant, 1 second lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, and eighty privates; from the 2d Regiment 1 captain, 2 second lieutenants, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, and eighty privates; from the Battalion of the 3d Regiment, which includes the Faubourg St. Mary, 1 first lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal and forty privates; and from the Battalion of the 3d Regiment, which includes the Faubourg Marigny and Deslaur, 1 second lieutenant and 20 privates.—This detachment to be completed on or before the 31st January next, if not made up by a voluntary tender of service, Brigadier general Labatut will direct such drafts as may be found necessary. The volunteers or drafts, to rendezvous on the 10th of January at 11 o'clock A. M. at the Magazine Barracks, opposite to New Orleans, where they will be inspected and mustered into service.

The commander in chief further directs, that there be drawn from the 6th regiment of militia infantry 1 captain, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 30 privates; from the 7th regiment, 1 first lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals, and 30 privates; and from the 8th regiment, 2 second lieutenants, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal and 30 privates. This detachment to be completed on or before the 18th of January next. & if the quota assigned to each of the above respective regiments be not made up by a voluntary tender of service, the colonel or officer commanding will direct such drafts from his regiment as may be found necessary. The volunteers or drafts, will rendezvous at Donaldsonville at 11 o'clock A. M. on the 28th of January next, and from which place they will be marched under the command of the senior officer present, without delay, to the magazine barracks opposite to New Orleans, where they will be inspected and mustered into service.

The commander in chief further orders, that there be drawn from the 10th regiment of militia infantry 1 captain, 1 first lieutenant, 2 second lieutenants, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 30 privates; from the 11th regiment, 1 captain, 1 first lieutenant

2 second lieutenants, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, and 30 privates. From the 12th regiment, 1 captain, 1 second lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 30 privates; and from the 13th regiment, 1 first lieutenant, 1 second lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals and 30 privates. The quota assigned to each regiment, be completed under the orders of the colonel or officer commanding the same, on or before the 20th of January next, and if not made up by a voluntary tender of service, he will direct such drafts from his regiment as may be found necessary. The volunteers or drafts from each regiment, to rendezvous on the 28th of January at such point as the colonel or officer commanding may appoint, and from thence to be marched without delay to the post of Baton Rouge, where they will be inspected & mustered into service.

The commander in chief further orders that there be drawn from the 14th regiment of militia infantry 1 first lieutenant, 1 second lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals and 30 privates; from the 15th regiment, 1 captain, 2 second lieutenants, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 30 privates; and from the 16th regiment 1 captain, 1 first lieutenant, 1 second lieutenant, 3 sergeants, 3 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer and 30 privates. The quota assigned to each regiment to be completed on or before the 28th of January next, under the orders of the colonel or officer commanding the same, and if not made up by a voluntary tender of service, he will direct such drafts as may be found necessary. The volunteers or drafts from each regiment respectively will rendezvous on or before the 2d of February next, at such point as the colonel or officer commanding shall designate, and will march from thence without delay to the post of Baton Rouge, where they will be inspected and mustered into service.

The commander in chief further orders that there be drawn from the 17th regiment of militia infantry 1 captain, 1 second lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, and 30 privates. From the 18th regiment 1 first lieutenant, 1 second lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 2 corporals and 30 privates. And from the 20th regiment 1 second lieutenant and 30 privates.—The quota assigned to each of the above regiments to be completed on or before the 28th of January next, under the orders of the colonel or officer commanding; and if it be not made up by a voluntary tender of service, he will direct such drafts as may be found necessary. The volunteers or drafts from each respective regiment will rendezvous at such point as the colonel or officer commanding may designate, on or before the 7th of February next, and from thence will march without delay to the post of Baton Rouge, where they will be inspected and mustered into service. Any drafted man may be released on furnishing such adequate substitute to serve his tour as the colo-

nel or officer commanding the regiment to which the drafted man belonged, shall approve. Non-commissioned officers and privates will provide themselves with arms, accoutrements, and clothing suitable for the season and for camp and field duty. Such also as are armed with rifles or muskets will bring them; those without arms will be supplied on their arrival at the point of general rendezvous. The militia whilst in the service of the United States are entitled to the same rations pay and emoluments as are allowed the troops of the United States. The allowance of pay and rations commences from the day the militiaman shall commence his march to the point of general rendezvous, and is continued for such reasonable time after his discharge as may be necessary for his return to his home, or usual place of abode.

The commander in chief deems no argument necessary to prove the expediency of arming this auxiliary force. It has been called for by the competent authority, and solely with a view to the safety of Louisiana. From the commencement of the war to the present day, it is state has happily been exempt from its ravages. But to consider so, we must be prepared to repel aggression. Several of the sister states have experienced all the evils the enemy could inflict, and all of them have assumed an attitude in arms, to which their safety is alone attributable. We have seen with what ardour, the militia of the western states and territories have rallied at the call of their government, nor is their ferociousness under privations incident to camp, less an object of admiration, than their gallantry during action. The commander in chief persuades himself that the militia of Louisiana are no less brave, no less patriotic; and that in the hour of trial, they will deserve equally well of their country.

By order of his Excellency,

WM. C. C. CLAIBORNE,
Governor & Commander in Chief.
A. LANEVILLE, col. and
adj. gen.

Head Quarters, New Orleans,
December 26, 1813.

In consequence of the requisition under the authority of the president of the United States, as announced in the general orders of yesterday, the militia force, holden in readiness for service under the authority of the state, and in conformity to the general orders of the 5th of July and 6th of September last, are hereby released and discharged—excepting only St. Charles, Feliciana, Attakapas and Opelousas troops of cavalry, and the detachments of infantry from the 5th 9th and 18th regiments. These corps will be holden in readiness to take the field at a moment's warning.

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